

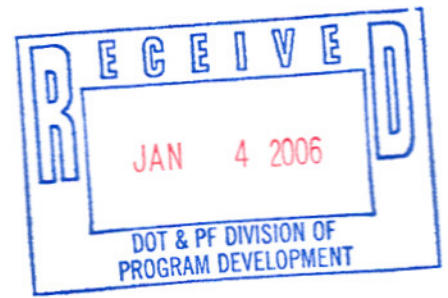
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Subject: Restore to STIP Seward Highway Improvements Anchorage/Potter Marsh to  
Bird Creek

Dear Sirs:

This letter is being written to request that Seward Highway Improvements from Anchorage/Potter Marsh to Bird Creek be restored to the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

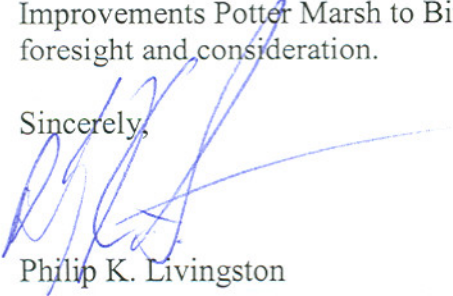
It is not new information that the Anchorage to Girdwood portion of the Seward Highway is one of the deadliest in the State. You have an opportunity to save lives and improve state economics in many ways by putting this improvement project back on the STIP and proceeding to design a four lane divided grade highway between Potter Marsh and Bird Creek. The first step in the process is to get this portion of the Seward Highway back on the STIP.

It is disingenuous to fantasize that increased trooper presence will (1) make a difference or (2) be continued as a safety factor. It furthermore has been demonstrated on the Bird Creek to Girdwood section of the Seward Highway that the "third passing lane" is merely an invitation to disaster.

Seward Highway use will increase dramatically within the next five to ten years due to more activity from Seward, Whittier, the Kenai Peninsula and planned growth in Girdwood. Factors that are problems now will only increase in magnitude with more vehicles on the road.

Please start the improvement process now by restoring the Seward Highway Improvements Potter Marsh to Bird Creek to the current STIP. Thank you for your foresight and consideration.

Sincerely,



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